

CIA Intensifies Attack on NCLC

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Sept. 25 — The following statement was released today by the National Executive Committee of the National Caucus of Labor Committees.

Faced with the escalating mass action and potential victories of the U.S. Labor Party campaigns, the Central Intelligence Agency has intensified its offensive against the Labor Committees. Over the past two weeks an assassination attempt, racial and goon violence, and literary filth have spewed out of their arsenal, in their desperation at the Labor Party's sweep into the national political vacuum.

Still hesitant to enhance our publicity by a direct attack, the CIA has moved through its tools in the United Auto Workers, in the Imamu Baraka machine it created, and through that long-time confidante of the national AFL-CIO and FBI bureaucracies, right-wing newspaper columnist Victor Riesel.

As the Agency figures it, the capitalists don't have much time to spare. Already the Labor Committee's campaign against slave labor in New York City has caused the postponement of a 90,000 person workfare program for a month. The capitalists realize that a victory in the Oct. 9 mayoral primary in Charlotte, N.C., will certify in the eyes of the nation what the Labor Committee now proclaims in relative isolation — that masses of working people are beginning to turn to the Labor Committee as a practical alternative to slave labor and other horrors of the Second Great Depression.

Frameup Plans

On Sept. 18 Victor Riesel, longtime spokesman for CIA-agent Jay Lovestone in the AFL-CIO and for the FBI, devoted his syndicated column to the Labor Committee. "There's a 'Nunchaku' in the auto industry's future and wherever there are teeming masses earning their daily bread in crowded cities," Riesel scribbled. He went on to portray the Labor Committee as a "mysterious" paramilitary power with an "action program" of wielding the Nunchaku against union picket lines, meetings of the "Communist" Party, and City Council gatherings.

The article, clearly commissioned from high

levels in Washington, D.C., has only one purpose — to lay the basis for frameups against the Labor Committees. Its false and libelous portrayal of the Labor Committee as a group of Maoist headbusters and neo-fascists, its fingering of NCLC National Chairman L. Marcus, and its total exclusion of the Labor Committee's political program for power all serve this purpose. The timing of this assault indicates that the government is again contemplating massive frameups over the next few weeks — frameups which they have prepared through a May 24 editorial in the Wall Street Journal and liaison with the "Communist" Party, but which with good reason they have feared to use, knowing that the outright repression would immediately lead to massive leaps in our credibility and influence and in the membership of the NCLC and the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization.

Most vicious in their assault on the Labor Committees have been the followers of Imamu Baraka, the formerly "invincible" strongman of Newark. Utterly humiliated by the inability of his allies to defend either his reputation or their bodies, Baraka has been pushed by the CIA to crack the whip harder. This time some of his slaves jumped into action, attempting to murder a Revolutionary Youth Movement organizer in New York City and to incite racial violence in Boston.

A barrage of racist hate literature in the ghettos, on black campuses and in the black bourgeois press has accompanied the physical assault — a frenzied attempt to counter the Labor Committee's successful nationwide exposure campaign against Papa Doc Baraka. Already three major black papers, including the Baltimore Afro-American, have published incendiary filth against the Labor Committee with one of them actually singling local organizers out for attack.

Coincident with these attacks by known government operatives has been a sharp increase in harassment and intimidation of Labor Party organizers in the auto industry and at the post offices (documented on pages 2 and 3 of this

issue respectively). These attacks by UAW and National Association of Letter Carriers hacks or hirelings can by no means be construed as "spontaneous." Specific pressure from Washington for action against NUWRO has been documented from the NALC itself. Woodcock's incitement of goons against us not only flies in the face of auto-workers' continuing receptivity to New Solidarity and NUWRO, but it is in direct contrast to the response to Labor Party and NUWRO organizers at other industrial plants.

The bourgeoisie can tie up our time and our money in the courts. So far they have moved with caution, concentrating on harassment and a few court cases, the most important being the McGourty frameup.

To the chagrin and near hysteria of the local police around the country, the word has come from the higher-ups to "play it cool." As a police officer in Brooklyn was told by a superior last week after arresting two Labor Party organizers at a Beame rally, "Don't you know who they are?... This is just what they want."

The CIA cannot succeed as long as our mass organizing continues to expand. Any major frameup or agent attack will draw us national publicity and confirm our consistent charge that we are the only opponent the capitalists fear.

The CIA's failure to frame us will leave us a wide open field going into this fall's elections and the very real opportunity to win in Charlotte, New York City and Buffalo.

At this juncture you face a critical choice. Either you sit back and watch — gape out of your window at our marches, walk with us a few blocks and leave.

Or you join our organization — helping us to turn NUWRO into a mass membership organization numbering in the tens of thousands; raising the tens of thousands of dollars we desperately need to expand our propaganda and organizing; educating yourself to run the world economy. This is what is required for us to build a mass working-class party to beat the Depression.

Your choice will decide whether we have socialism or fascism by the end of the decade. It's the CIA or us.